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RE: EMERGENCY REQUEST OF April 2, 2003
SAND(s): F-3 ZONE, RESERVOIR A
PEREZ ZONE, RESERVOIR A
FIELD: BASTIAN BAY FIELD
PARISH: Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana
APPLICANT: GULF PRODUCTION COMPANY, INC.


Dear Mr. Bates:

Because of the reason set forth in your emergency request letter, it has been determined that undue hardship would be caused by the 20-day delay prescribed in Rule 3 of the Revised Rules of Procedure, effective October 11, 1981. You are therefore permitted to immediately file your application in compliance with Rule 8 of the Revised Rules of Procedure.

Yours truly,

JAMES H. WELSH
COMMISSIONER OF CONSERVATION

BY: _____


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April 2, 2003

Hon. James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
P. O. Box 94225
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

Re: F-3 Zone, Reservoir A; Perez Zone,
Reservoir A, Bastian Bay Field, Plaquemines
Parish, Louisiana

Dear Commissioner Welsh:

Application is hereby made on behalf of Gulf Production Company, Inc. to the Commissioner of Conservation for the calling of a public hearing after legal notice to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relative to the F-3 Zone, Reservoir A and the Perez Zone, Reservoir A, Bastian Bay Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana:

F-3 Zone, Reservoir A

1 To dissolve the unit created for the F-3 Zone, Reservoir A, by Office of Conservation Order No. 339-VVV-1, effective October 27, 1998, and simultaneously therewith, to create a revised unit designated F-3 RA SUA, for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate.

2 To locate pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed unit, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.

3 To permit the applicant to designate and utilize the Gulf Production Company, Inc. - State Lease 14645 No. 2 ST Well as alternate unit well for the proposed revised F-3 RA SUA; and to permit the operator to produce the unit allowable from the proposed unit well, the proposed alternate unit well or both wells at its option.

4 To provide that any future wells drilled to the F-3 Zone, Reservoir A, should be located in accordance with the spacing provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E.

5 To provide that the Commissioner of Conservation should be authorized to reclassify the reservoir by supplemental order without the necessity of a public hearing if the producing characteristics of the reservoir changes and evidence to justify such reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation.

6 To extend to the proposed revised unit for the F-3 Zone, Reservoir A, all pertinent provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 339-VVV and 339-VVV-1.

7 To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

The F-3 Zone was previously defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 339-VVV, effective May 13, 1991.

Perez Zone, Reservoir A

1 To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Perez Zone, Reservoir A; Bastian Bay Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana;

2 To create a single drilling and production unit for the Perez Zone, Reservoir A designated as the Perez RA SUA, as shown on the plat attached hereto;

3 To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the units so created on a surface acreage basis of participation;

4 To allow the Commissioner of Conservation to reclassify the reservoir by supplemental order without the necessity of a public hearing, should the producing characteristics of the Reservoir change and evidence to justify reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation;

5 To consider such other matters as may be pertinent to the Perez Zone, Reservoir A.

The Perez Zone, Reservoir A, in the Bastian Bay Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, is hereby defined as that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between measured depths of 7,908 feet (6364 feet TVD) and 7,976 feet (6424 feet TVD) in the Matrix Oil & Gas Company, Inc. - SL 14645 No. 2 Well located in Section 29, Township 20 South, Range 29 East, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.

In accordance with LAC 43:XIX.3917 (Rule 8) of the Revised Rules of Procedure, the Office of Conservation has waived the pre-application notice requirements and LAC 43:XIX.3907 (Rule 3) shall not apply.

A pre-hearing conference to discuss this application and any opposition thereto is scheduled for April 14, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. at the Offices of Strain, Dennis, Mayhall & Bates, L.L.P., 318 St. Charles St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802.

There is no requirement for the persons receiving this notice to attend or be represented at this conference. This is merely an invitation to all known interested parties to attend the conference should they so desire.

In addition to furnishing the legal notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties, the applicant will provide for posting of the legal notice of the hearing and unit plats in a prominent place in the area of Bastian Bay Field. Additionally, the legal notice will be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the vicinity of Bastian Bay Field, at least fifteen (15) days before the hearing date.

All pertinent data relating to this proposed application may be obtained **AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY** from Charles G. Smith, 5743 S. Pollard Parkway, Baton Rouge, LA 70809. 225-767-2240.

Plats outlining the proposed units for the F-3 Zone, Reservoir A, and the Perez Zone, Reservoir A, in the Bastian Bay Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana are attached hereto. Also enclosed to the Commissioner of Conservation and District Manager is a list of Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom a copy of this application is being sent. Copies of this list will be provided upon request. A reasonable effort has been made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties. Also enclosed is our check payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,

STRAIN, DENNIS, MAYHALL
& BATES, L.L.P.


James C. Bates

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ENCLOSURES

cc: Mr. Richard Hudson
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Re: F-3 Zone, Reservoir A, SUA, Bastian Bay
Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana

Dear Commissioner Welch:

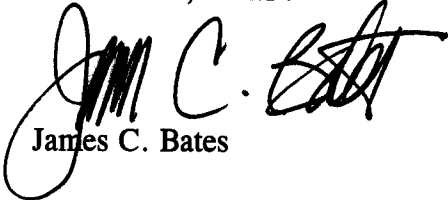
Gulf Production Company, Inc. ("Gulf"), is the lessee of considerable acreage in the subject field, including the acreage highlighted in yellow on the attached plat.

Gulf intends to immediately apply for a public hearing to force pool and unitize in the subject area. However, because the leases colored in yellow on the attached plat expire May 27, 2003, the pre-application requirements of LAC 43:XIX.3907 (Rule 3) of the Revised Rules of Procedure would cause undue hardship to the applicant.

Therefore, Gulf respectfully requests that you waive the pre-application requirements of LAC 43:XIX.3907 (Rule 3) and allow it to tender application immediately under LAC 43:XIX.3917 (Rule 8) of the Revised Rules of Procedure.

Very truly yours,

STRAIN, DENNIS, MAYHALL
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